

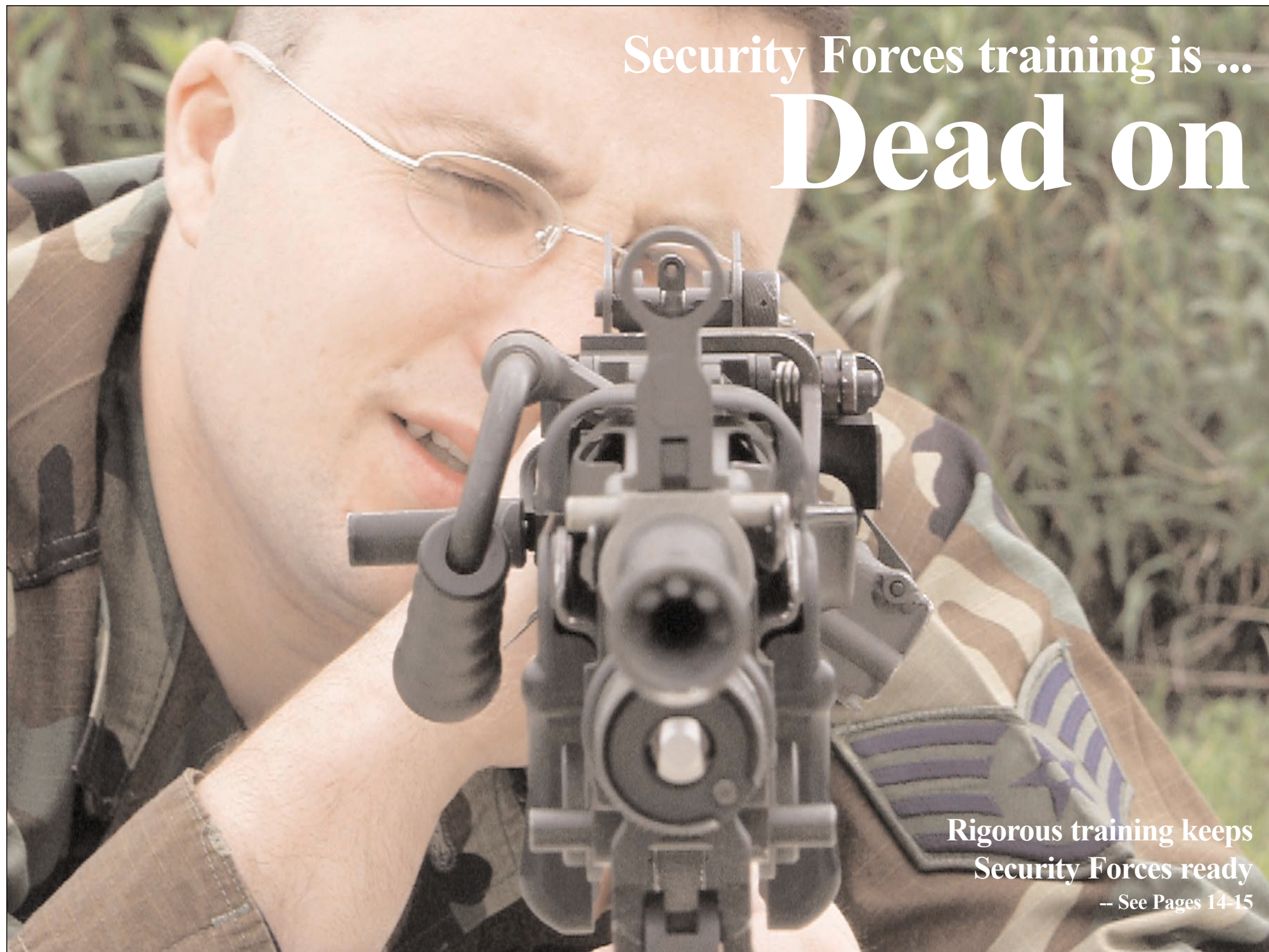


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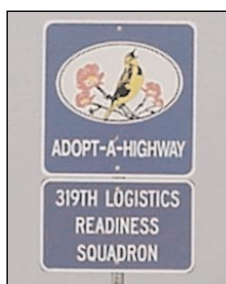
#### Weekend weather

Today	79/52	mostly cloudy
Saturday	81/55	partly cloudy
Sunday	82/56	isol. T-storms
Monday	80/56	partly cloudy



Weather information courtesy  
319th Operations Support Squadron weather flight

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo



Photo by Capt. Jill Whitesell

## Operation Iraqi Freedom

(Above) Airman Martin Rygula, an air transportation craftsman, takes time to write a letter while deployed to Tallil Air Base, Iraq, supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

(Left) Senior Airman Amber Kilpatrick and Dr. Ghassan Noor Aldin prepare to give a measles immunization to a young Iraqi boy.

Airman Kilpatrick is deployed to the 506th Air Expeditionary Medical Squadron at Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq. Local citizens of Kirkuk lined the streets to receive the immunizations. Airmen from the group, together with the Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade medics, have immunized more than 4,500 children with the measles vaccine.

# U.S. forces moving in South Korea

By **Gerry J. Gilmore**  
American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON (AFPN) --** U.S. and South Korean officials have agreed to a plan to realign American forces stationed in “The Land of the Morning Calm.”

In meetings held June 4 and 5 in Seoul, according to a joint U.S.-South Korean statement, the operation will consist of two phases:

**Phase 1** - U.S. forces at installations north of the Han River will consolidate in the area of Camp Casey near Tongduchon and Camp Red Cloud near Uijongbu.

Both bases are north of Seoul and the Han, but well south of the demilitarized zone that separates North and South Korea.

The 14,000-strong U.S. Army 2nd Infantry Division, which provides troops to bases near the demilitarized zone, has its headquarters at Camp Red Cloud.

**Phase 2** - U.S. forces north of the Han River will move to key hubs south of the river.

U.S. and Korean officials agreed to continue rotational U.S.

military training north of the Han even after Phase 2 is completed, according to the statement.

The realignment operation will take several years to complete, according to the joint statement.

Realignment of American troops in South Korea is part of an ongoing U.S. force assessment involving overseas and stateside troops.

About 37,000 U.S. troops serve in South Korea.

At a June 2 press conference in Seoul, U.S. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul D. Wolfowitz said that “a substantial amount of money” will be invested (about \$11 billion, according to U.S. defense officials) over the next four years “in some 150 programs to enhance U.S. capabilities here on the (Korean) peninsula.”

The U.S.-South Korean statement noted that the realignment also involves moving U.S. forces out of Yongsan Garrison in Seoul.

The purpose of realigning U.S. forces in South Korea, Mr. Wolfowitz said, “is to enhance deterrence, not to weaken it.”



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# Vendor payments go electronic

**WASHINGTON** - The Air Force will be one step closer to its goal of seamless electronic commerce with the implementation of Wide Area Workflow, Air Force finance officials said.

The program, a Department of Defense-developed initiative, simplifies the way military services pay vendors and contractors by eliminating the processing of paper forms and invoices, according to Mr. Bruce S. Lemkin, principal deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for financial management at the Pentagon.

Under the program, vendors no longer have to fill out DOD forms and mail them to the Air Force, Mr. Lemkin explained.

They can now electronically transmit their invoices directly to be approved and certified. The program allows the Air Force to accept goods and services electronically with a digital signature, avoiding delays

that often result in interest penalties. The invoices are then forwarded electronically to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, which issues payments directly to the vendors.

“Doing this process electronically eliminates the chance that invoices and receiving reports are delayed or lost in the mail,” he said. “It also reduces the processing cycle time, speeding up payments to vendors.”

The Air Force can take advantage of vendor discounts offered if the service officials guarantee to pay vendors within a certain amount of time, he said.

Air Force officials, selected by DOD to evaluate the program, chose Air Education and Training Command and Pacific Air Forces to run pilot programs.

According to Mr. Lemkin, both major commands have experienced great success.

AETC officials reduced the money it spent on interest penalties to \$106 per million dollars, nearly 50 percent lower than the Air Force-wide average of \$200 per million dollars, he said.

PACAF officials reduced their interest penalties to only \$8.66 per million dollars.

“That's ten's of millions of dollars of taxpayers' money that we're saving,” Mr. Lemkin said. “With those savings, we can support other Air Force needs and warfighting requirements.”

The success of the Air Force's pilot program in significantly reducing interest penalties was a key factor in prompting DOD officials to recently announce the mandatory use of the program DOD-wide, Mr. Lemkin said.

*(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)*

# Officials adjust reenlistment bonuses

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** - Air Force officials recently revised reenlistment bonuses, adding or increasing 40 career field zones and decreasing or removing 100, according to Air Force Personnel Center officials here.

The revision to the selective reenlistment bonus program includes additions of zones in two career fields that previously did not have a bonus. In addition, 10 career fields that previously had some type of bonus were deleted from the revised list.

“The SRB program is a retention tool the Air Force uses as an incentive to

help keep the right people in the right jobs to accomplish our mission,” said Maj. Gen. Peter Sutton, director of learning and force development at Air Force headquarters in Washington.

“This change (in SRBs) is the result in part of increased retention rates. But airmen should also remember that SRBs are not an entitlement,” said Gen. Sutton. “The Air Force will continue to shift this program based on the needs of the Air Force and our Global mission.”

Criteria used for determining which enlisted skills receive an SRB include current and projected skill and total manning levels; reenlistment rates; and

category of enlistment, career field force structure changes and inputs from functional career-field managers. SRBs are authorized in 0.5 increments (or multiples) and in three reenlistment zones for people with between 17 months and 14 years of service.

The revised Air Force specialty code listing of SRB multipliers includes increases in 12 Zone-A (17 months to six years of service), 14 Zone-B (six to 10 years of service) and seven Zone-C (10 to 14 years of service) career fields. It also includes additions in two Zone-A, four Zone-B and one Zone-C career field. Multipliers decreased in 38 Zone-

A, 20 Zone-B and five Zone-C career fields.

Ten Zone-A, 15 Zone-B and 12 Zone-C SRBs were deleted; two new AFSCs were added, and 10 AFSCs were deleted in either Zones A, B, C or some combination.

Additions and multiple increases are effective June 4. The SRB multiple decreases and deletions are effective July 4.

The new list of bonuses is at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enl-skills/Reenlistments/reenlistments.htm>.

*(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)*

# Americans can join support team

**By Denise Brown**

American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON** - “Uncle Sam Wants You” is a familiar recruiting slogan to generations of Americans. But in this case, it is an invitation for all Americans to sign up for a different kind of military operation.

Operation Tribute to Freedom, a Defense Department initiative, is a way for Americans to show their continuing support for the nation's military men and women and share with the Defense Department the different ways in which individuals and communities are expressing this support.

“We receive calls and e-mails all the time asking, ‘What can I do to support the troops?’” said Mrs. Allison Barber, special assistant to the assistant secretary of defense for public affairs. “People want to know what they can do to help.”

Americans across the country are already involved in activities showing support for the men and women in uniform, Mrs. Barber said. “If you're flying the flag, going to a parade, writing an e-mail to the troops or visiting the DefendAmerica Web site to send a thank you to the troops, all of these activities are part of Operation Tribute to Freedom.”

Many individual groups have started their own grassroots campaigns or outreach campaigns for the

troops, she said. Operation Tribute to Freedom is a way to bring these individuals, groups and companies together as part of one team.

“You're already doing the activities, so join the team and keep supporting the troops,” Mrs. Barber said, adding that joining the team is an ideal way for Americans to stay connected with men and women in uniform.

“To join the team, just go to our Operation Tribute to Freedom Web site on [www.DefendAmerica.mil](http://www.DefendAmerica.mil), select ‘Join the Team,’ fill in your name, and tell us what you're doing to pay tribute to the men and women of the military,” she said. “Once you submit your registration to the team, you'll be able to download an Operation Tribute to Freedom certificate, making you an official member of the team.”

The program includes a variety of suggestions on how communities and individuals can support the troops.

“We have activities and ideas that are geared for both children and adults,” Mrs. Barber said. “Younger children can color a patriotic picture or send an e-mail to the troops.”

“Older teens and adults can volunteer at their local Red Cross or local veterans organization, visit hospitalized veterans or donate money to Operation Uplink for the purchase of a phone card for a service member,” she

said.

The Web site also contains a selection of downloadable Operation Tribute to Freedom graphics. The graphics can be used as posters, on T-shirts or as banners, “in whatever way people want to use their imaginations,” Mrs. Barber said. “And that's the strength of Operation Tribute to Freedom.”

Although the Web site includes specific ideas for activities to support the troops, people are probably going to come up with more ideas, Mrs. Barber asks people to “share with us what you’re doing and join the team.”

Mrs. Barber is also working with the Weekly Reader, a publication for elementary and secondary school children.

“Weekly Reader goes out to more than 7 million children in classrooms throughout America,” she said.

Operation Tribute to Freedom will be featured on the Weekly Reader Web site and also in the Weekly Reader distribution during the school year.

“Corporate America has been great in supporting the troops and we're reaching out to them as well, inviting them as a corporation to join the team,” Mrs. Barber said. “Operation Tribute to Freedom is a multifaceted campaign that reaches individuals of every age, non-profit organizations, corporate America and schools. It’s a very far reaching campaign.”

# Briefs

## Boy Scout registration

The Boy Scouts of Troop 319 and Cub Scouts of Pack 319 are accepting applications for youth and adult memberships.

All boys between the ages of 6 and 18, or who just finished Kindergarten, are eligible for membership. Now is the perfect time to join and be eligible for all sorts of summertime activities.

Men and women interested in working with youth can have a huge impact for very little commitment. Positions such as unit commissioner, pack committee member, den leader, assistant scoutmaster, and troop committee member have vacancies ready for volunteers. Most adult positions involve a handful of meetings each month, with about six hours of total involvement. Any required training is free and usually held at convenient times.

For details, call Master Sgt. Richard Lien at 747-4174.

## 319th MDG closure

The 319th Medical Group will be closed from noon to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday for the 319th Medical Support Squadron’s change-of-command ceremony.

For emergency care, call 911. For urgent, non-emergency issues, call 747-5601.

## North Dakota State Fair’s “Salute to Troops”

The North Dakota State Fair is holding a “Salute to Troops” event as part of the fair finale July 26 beginning at 1 p.m. in the grandstand.

This event includes a performance by the Great Lakes Navy band.

Those who attend the fair on July 26 and have a valid military identification card will be able to ride carnival rides for free from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Children under the age of 10, who do not have an identification card, will need to be accompanied by a parent with one.

In addition, those who attend “Salute to Troops” with a military identification card will receive a free ticket to the Neal McCoy grandstand concert, which begins at 8 p.m.

## Operations Security tip

Exercise dates and schedules are critical information list items. That means that they should be protected as for official use only and not placed on bulletin boards, calendars in customer service areas, talked about in public places, et cetera.

For details, call Capt. Carrie Kilareski at 747-4505.

## Flower voucher program

The 319th Civil Engineer Squadron is offering the annual flower voucher program for all military family housing residents. Vouchers cost \$20, are good good at three local garden centers and can be picked up at the Self-Help Store in Building 418 from 6:30 to 11:15 a.m. and 12:30 to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

For details, call Tech. Sgt. Ed Greenland at 747-3400.

## Centennial of Flight: 1903-2003

This week in flying:

**June 13, 1962** - An H-43B helicopter set a new world’s distance record of 656.258 miles.

**June 14, 1912** - Army Cpl. Vernon Burge became the Army’s first enlisted pilot.

**June 15, 1944** - Forty-seven B-29s made the first B-29 strike against Japan.

**June 16, 1928** - Superchargers providing sea-level pressure at 30,000 feet is successfully tested.

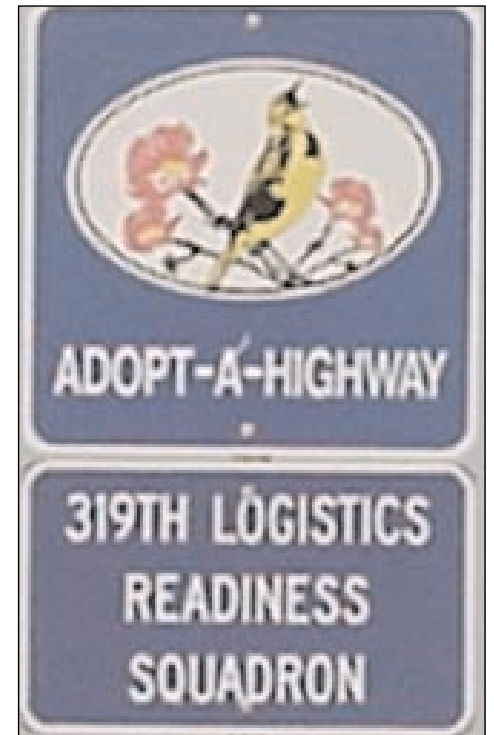
**June 17, 1983** - The first launch of the MX ‘Peacekeeper’ is completed.

**June 18, 1981** - The first flight of the Lockheed F-117 ‘stealth’ fighter takes place.

**June 19, 1970** - The first flight of the ‘Minuteman III’ missiles becomes operational.



# 319th LRS helps keep America's highways clean



*Courtesy photos*  
(Above) 319th Logistics Readiness Squadron members pick up garbage along the stretch of Highway 2 the squadron adopted.  
(Top right) The 319th LRS has its name proudly displayed as a sponsor on a road sign along Highway 2.  
(Right) Members of the 319th LRS who took part in the recent highway clean-up pose for a group photo. In the background, bags of debris and garbage the crew picked up tower above them.



Base chapel

CATHOLIC:

**Mass:** 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. Sunday, Sunflower Chapel.  
**Daily Mass:** Tuesday through Friday 11:30 a.m. Sunflower Chapel.  
**Reconciliation:** 4 p.m. Saturday, or by appointment, Sunflower Chapel.

ECUMENICAL:

Farewell for Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Brooks and family, 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Sunflower Chapel.

JEWISH:

For details call Sheila Farquharson at 594-3960 or Synagogue B’nai Israel at 775-5124.

PROTESTANT:

**Traditional worship:** 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sunflower Chapel.  
**Contemporary worship:** 6 p.m. Sunday, Prairie Rose Chapel.  
**Young Adults:** 6 p.m. Friday, Chaplain Swain’s home, 747-4359.  
**Men of the Chapel Bible Study:** Noon Monday, Prairie Rose Conference Room.

MUSLIM, BUDDHIST, OTHER:

For details call 747-5673.

RUSSIAN/EASTERN ORTHODOX:

For details call Dr.. Levitov 780-6540.

Base theater

Today, 7 p.m.

*The Lizzie McGuire Movie (PG)*

Based on the popular Disney Channel TV series, Lizzie McGuire is about a junior-high student (Hilary Duff) who must deal with the typical teenage stuff: friends, boys, parents, a snot-nosed younger brother. After graduation, Lizzie travels to Italy for summer vacation, where more adventures and life lessons await. Lizzie's mind is always whirling, and her true thoughts are revealed by animated versions of herself.

Saturday, 7 p.m.

*It Runs in the Family (PG-13)*

This Douglas family project, which features Kirk and son Michael sharing the screen for the first time, is a black comedy about three generations of a dysfunctional family living in New York City and their attempts to recon-

cile. Michael Douglas plays the man caught in the middle, coming to terms with his life as a husband, father, and son.

June 20, 7 p.m.

*X-Men United (PG-13)*

June 21, 3 p.m.

*X-Men United (PG-13)*

June 21, 7 p.m.

*Identity (R)*

June 27, 7 p.m.

*The Matrix Reloaded (R)*

**Tickets:** \$1.50 children, \$3 adults  
For details, call 747-3021/6123.



Courtesy photo

Vacation Bible School

“Son Harvest County Fair” Vacation Bible School, held last week at Eielson Elementary School, was enjoyed by over 170 children and supported by over 60 volunteers daily from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Here, “Farmer Joe” starts the day with a big group meeting before sending the children to various centers including crafts, games, classroom, music and the interest-building tent.

# Security forces training a job in itself

**By Staff Sgt. Robert Carlson**

319th Security Forces Squadron  
Training Instructor

You see them every day, working at the gate as you come into work, driving by your house on patrol, or guarding aircraft on the flight line. From the outside all these duties may appear to be relatively simple; however in reality these men and women must train constantly for any event that may occur. Security Forces have one of the most diverse and complex jobs in the Air Force today. Security Forces are responsible for providing all of the security for Air Force personnel and resources both at home and in Forward Operation Locations.

Being able to accomplish this mission requires personnel constantly train on a multitude of topics. The average Security Forces member you may encounter begins their career at the Air Force Security Forces Academy at Lackland AFB. They spend upwards of 11 weeks training on Law Enforcement operations, Priority resource Security, and Ground Combat Skills(GCS), as well as weapons and tactics training. Once they arrive at their duty station each Security Forces member goes through a localized training process, focusing on local laws, current procedures and base instructions to prepare them for duty.

This is only the beginning of an ongoing training process which continues throughout the remainder of their career. It is this training process which allows Security Forces members to be able to handle any type of situation that may arise. It for this reason alone that Security Forces must train as often and as intense as they do. Since many of the activities they do are skill based, much of the training is "Hands On" in as realistic scenarios as possible. The Air Force requires that each Security Forces Member train a minimum of 200hrs each year. The 319 SFS recently developed a training curriculum to allow each airman over 480hrs of training a year, providing the most highly trained force anywhere in the Air Force. Through the course of each year, training is conducted on everything from basic military law, and legal authority to unarmed combat. Courses are conducted on Use Of Force, weapons use, and on patrol procedures. On any given day, Security Forces may suddenly encounter violent criminal actions, and be prepared to handle the situation on a seconds notice. Given the danger of many incidents, the patrolman can not second-guess their decisions, they must have unwavering confidence that their training is the best possible. Because of this, the training isn't just limited to

what the Air Force conducts. Much of the training received is provided by civilian law enforcement agencies, in order to offer much more diversity to our Airman. Training such as DUI detection, suspect control tactics, use of pepper spray and Alcohol detection are often conducted or certified by the North Dakota Law Enforcement Academy. Some personnel are selected to attend training with the FBI. In addition to the many jobs you may see Security Forces performing at home, our job doesn't end there. Security Forces rigorously train in what is known as Ground Combat Skills. For over 120hrs each year, including a 5 day field exercise, the Security Forces train and practice air base defense and infantry skills. While many people's jobs stays relatively the same when deployed, the role of Security Forces moves from protecting personnel from a criminal threat to possibly engaging conventional military forces or terrorists.

All of this constant training helps ensure we keep Air Force personnel and their family's safe, and provide the military with the world's premier security force. So next time you see a Security Forces member hard at work, take a moment to consider the amount of training it takes to survive in one of the worlds most dangerous professions.



# Juneteenth is a celebration for all cultures

**By Airman 1st Class  
Saki Stringfield**  
319th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Although the Emancipation Proclamation had become official on Jan. 1, 1863, Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger arrived at Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865, with the news that the war had ended and the slaves were free. This news came nearly two-and-a-half years after the fact. It was then that the Emancipation Proclamation had any impact on slaves in Texas.

Gen. Granger stood in what is now a historical district called The Strand, and read General Order Number 3 declaring: “The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with the proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free.”

The realization of freedom, for many African-Americans produced a variety of mixed emotions. Some stayed on the plantations to see how the future would be as employees and not as slaves.

Many did not wait around for this, but instead fled their plantations. The

idea of freedom was too great to stay where they had been forced to stay all their lives.

Now that this historical day had come and gone, it could not be forgotten - but, how would they remember it? How could people that were denied the tools of literacy know which day to celebrate? June 19 was dubbed Juneteenth to help African-Americans remember their history.

Celebrating that great day in June of 1865 each year motivated and encouraged the newly freed black men and women to cope with and relieve the pressures they encountered in their new freedom.

The most popular way to celebrate Juneteenth was to hold a barbecue. The food and festivities gave them the feeling of being closer to their ancestors. Thus, the barbecue was always the center of attention and unique in its own right since everyone prepared a special dish.

Many of the same foods became tradition at Juneteenth celebrations, as well as drinks such as strawberry soda.

Other activities that became a part of the entertainment that continues on today are fishing, baseball, and rodeos.

In the beginning, many outside the African-American community did not conform to the celebration of Juneteenth. Some employers of African-Americans did not give them time off work for Juneteenth, and the use of public property to celebrate was barred.

So, many African-Americans eventually became landowners, donating their land for these festivities.

Rev. Jack Yates organized one of the earliest documented purchases of land in the name of Juneteenth. In following years, more land would be purchased as Juneteenth activities and participants grew.

Celebrations declined in the early 1900s due to the lack of education in the classroom that read of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation of Jan. 1, 1863, that ended slavery. In most textbooks, there is little or nothing about Gen. Granger's arrival on June 19.

During the depression, when most sought work in cities, employers were not eager to grant leave for Juneteenth. Unless it fell on a weekend or holiday, many could not attend Juneteenth celebrations.

As July 4 was being established as

Independence Day, more African-Americans were steered toward this holiday as June 19 was slowly forgotten. It was in the Civil Rights movement of the 1950s and 60s when Juneteenth resurged.

African-American youths linked their struggle for equal civil rights to the struggle of their ancestors. African-American student demonstrators wore Juneteenth buttons during the Atlanta Civil Rights campaign of the 1960s.

Texas state Rep. Al Edwards, elected in 1979, presented House Bill 1016 to Congress. The bill would declare June 19 an official state holiday in Texas. However, the bill was met with much resistance.

After months of struggle, and five different versions of his proposal, Rep. Edwards won. On June 1, 1980, 115 years after Texas slaves were freed, Juneteenth was declared an official state holiday in Texas.

Celebrate Juneteenth with a free barbecue at the Village Pavilion Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For details, call Airman 1st Class Tawana Carter at 747-5791.

# Flag Day 2003:

## Roseau is a shining example of patriotism

**By Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol**  
Public affairs

This past Memorial Day I had the honor of being the guest speaker for the Roseau, Minn., observances.

The town, located about 133 miles northeast of the base and about 10 miles from the border with Canada in northern Minnesota, is much the same as any other small town you'll go to. At the time of the speaking engagement, I expected it to be similar to ones I've done before in other small towns over the past four years. What I experienced though, was something completely different.

My family and I rolled into this town the day before Memorial Day – May 25, which also happened to be my birthday. We'd arranged to stay in a hotel with a pool and spa overnight so my family would have some fun on my birthday – and we did. We had dinner in Warroad and spent the rest of the night toolin' around the area looking for things to see, including the Lake of the Woods and more around the city of Roseau.

While we were riding around, we stopped off at the Roseau Veteran's Memorial located on the banks of the Roseau River. It was all prepped for Memorial Day with hundreds of American flags and it was a very moving thing to see.

On Memorial Day the next day, we went back to the memorial for the start of the services. We watched as retired Army Lt. Col. Valent Bernat Jr., the Roseau Veterans of Foreign Wars post commander and the man very much in charge of the festivities, read the names of Roseau people who died in wars past.

From there, we went in a parade to Roseau High School six blocks away where the program took place. Colonel



*Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott Sturkol*

**A pair of veterans from Roseau, Minn., stand at parade rest during Roseau's Memorial Day observance at the town's Veteran's Memorial along the banks of the Roseau River. The Roseau River flooded its banks a year ago this week.**

Bernat provided a speech, I gave a speech and the school's band performed some patriotic numbers. There was also several "color guards" carrying flags to include Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, VFW

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members and American Legion members to name a few. Basically, there were American flags everywhere.

After the ceremony, we went back in parade format to the memorial once again for the final portion of the services. In that part of the services, names of all the people who lost their lives in Operation Iraqi Freedom were read and memorial wreaths were placed for each war represented in the memorial. For each of the OIF casualties, they had an American flag placed in front of the memorial providing a highly visual and moving reminder of the results of war.

From start to finish, there were hundreds of people both young and old who were either carrying an American flag or were there to honor it. More importantly, the experience there showed me the people of Roseau are made of some of the toughest grit around. If someone calls them a “flag waver,” I don’t think they’d have a problem with it.

What didn’t sink in for me right away, but later hit me like a tidal wave, was the realization that this town’s love for the American flag may be a little more special than some others. Why? Well, first off, about a week before Memorial Day, two Roseau teens were killed and a third seriously injured in a car accident just outside of the town.

Memorial Day brought back their memory for many of the people there.

Secondly, the town has some of it’s members still fighting wars – including Colonel Bernat’s son, Army Capt. Valent Bernat III, who is right now in the mix of operations in Iraq. Third and I would say most important, the town is still recovering from a devastating flood that happened a year ago right before Flag Day 2002 ( the flood hit June 11, 2002).

Even during their flood, the people of Roseau continued to wave their flag, Colonel Bernat told me after the ceremony. He said that where the Veteran’s Memorial is by the river, it was under several feet of water and they feared it would get washed away. The memorial stood after the waters receded and the flag behind the memorial still flies high.

That memorial, the American flag and the people of Roseau are a reflection of each other if you ask me. They are both strongly rooted in the beliefs of strength and unity and they are both the symbol of something we all cherish – freedom. The memorial and the flag – the price of freedom – and the people of Roseau – the spirit of freedom. Remember that this Saturday during Flag Day 2003.

We can all be like the city of Roseau, it’s veteran’s memorial at the American flag behind it – a shining example of the American way of life.



*Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol*

**Youth carry flags during the Roseau Memorial Day parade May 26. They were just one of several flag details who were a part of the parade.**



# Happy birthday ‘Old Glory’

### Compiled by staff reports

The Fourth of July was traditionally celebrated as America's birthday, but the idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the flag is believed to have first originated in 1885.

Mr. B.J. Cigrand, a schoolteacher, arranged for the pupils in the Fredonia, Wis., Public School, District 6, to observe June 14 (the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes) as ‘Flag Birthday.’

In numerous magazines and newspaper articles and public addresses over the following years, Mr. Cigrand continued to enthusiastically advocate the

observance of June 14 as ‘Flag Birthday,’ or ‘Flag Day.’

A flag is a word used to describe a banner, pennant or ensign, or a cloth with colors or patterns, used as a symbol of a nation. A flag is an honored symbol of a nation's unity, achievements, glory and high resolve. The flag of the United States of America is such a symbol, of freedoms bravely fought for and won, of protection under the Constitution of the rights and privileges of all Americans.

In January 1776, Gen. George Washington proclaimed the organization of the Continental Army and raised the Continental Colors. This was the first red-and-white thirteen striped flag, with the British Union Jack in the canton (upper lefthand corner).

George Washington later characterized the color scheme and design of the flag as being symbolic of America itself. The white stripes represent the purity and serenity of the nation, while the red stripes represent the blood spilled by Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom. The white stars symbolize the purity, liberty, and freedom within the nation. The royal blue field stands for freedom and justice. The number of stars and stripes represented the thirteen states.

On Aug. 3, 1949, President Harry S. Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14 of each year as National Flag Day.

*(Information gathered by Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Clere from [http://www.heritage-flag.com/heritage\\_flagday.htm](http://www.heritage-flag.com/heritage_flagday.htm))*



# Security meets diplomacy abroad

**By Staff Sgt. Jason Smith**  
376th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

## **OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM –**

Although the main objective of the 376th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron is to protect people and resources at Ganci Air Base, Kyrgyzstan, some of the squadron airmen have also a diplomatic role in their security duties.

Tech. Sgt. Lex Goan regularly works one of the special posts patrolling a huge area outside the base perimeter that includes fields, rivers, woods and most importantly, some local villages.

“I’ve never had a deployment where I was doing something like this on this scale,” said Goan. “This is awesome. We may be the first and only Americans that a lot of the people in the villages will ever meet. It’s our responsibility to make a good impression.”

Shortly after a recent patrol left the base gate, it was apparent the locals knew who they were. Almost everyone waved, and most signaled for the team to stop and visit. After a conversation using an accompanying interpreter, the

patrol moved on through a maze of fields and wooded trails.

“It’s real easy to get lost here,” said Goan. “That’s why we keep the same person out here.

“Also, knowledge of the area is vital for noticing something out of place,” he said.

As soon as the patrol stopped at the first of three villages, children raced to the vehicle, waving and shouting. When they got to the truck, they stopped and looked at the security forces in amazement with wide eyes and dropped jaws. They did not jump on the truck or ask for anything, they simply waited for the team to start the conversation.

“Who wants some candy,” asked Goan as he pulled a large bag from the back of the vehicle. “I’ll trade you for your bike,” he playfully told one of the boys, who readily agreed.

While Goan handed out candy and the children asked him questions, one boy was excited to explain who the small, shy girl with him was.

“My sister. My sister,” the boy told them as he pointed to the girl, who was turning her head in embarrassment.

After visiting with the children, the

patrol headed toward another village. The terrain was rough and only a Humvee could get through it, Goan said.

The next village was no different than the first. Children race to the Humvee and waited for the airmen to get out and talk.

“The kids are always excited to see us,” said Airman 1st Class David O’Connor. “They crowd around and we give them candy and water. It’s neat to see.”

During the stop, a local farmer recognized Goan and stopped his horse-drawn wagon so he and his son could talk for a bit. He explained that he was on his way to the market to sell the calf because he needed some money.

While Goan was petting the calf and talking to the farmer, one of the patrol members pulled out a camera. The children quickly gathered and begged to get their pictures taken with the airmen.

“They know us,” O’Connor explained. “If they see a new face, they ask who you are. They were real curious about the Danish cop we had with us because his uniform was different. They’re good with recognizing faces.”

O’Connor said working the patrol is

not possible for every security forces airman. The patrol has a special weapons requirement, and those who are qualified rotate through the post to give everyone a chance to gain some experience.

“A lot of the younger (airman) we bring out here tell me they feel sorry for the people,” said Goan. “I tell them I don’t because the people don’t feel sorry for themselves. They’re very proud, happy and family-oriented people. They may not have all the commercial goods that we have at home, but they don’t know about life with those things, so they can’t possible notice not having them.”

The patrol spent some more time with the children and headed back into the woods toward the base. The day was another success in providing force protection and building relationships in the local area.

“Primarily, we are here for force protection,” said Tech. Sgt. Patrick Thompson. “We’re also letting the community know that we’re not all bad guys the way we’re portrayed.”

Since he began working the post in early May, Goan said nothing out of the ordinary has happened on his shift.





Photos by Staff Sgt. Monte Volk

Base security forces run the obstacle course as part of their annual survive to operate requirement, where they have to go over, under, through and around various obstacles, like this eight foot high wall.

# Security forces train on a daily basis so they can be... Prepared for every situation

By Staff Sgt. Monte Volk  
Public affairs

The heat absorbed from the mid-day sun no longer radiates from the pavement. The air grows cooler with each passing breeze. You rub your eyes to make sure their still open, but the darkness of the early morning hour makes them feel closed. You start to pace, waiting for the morning light.

You haven't seen a car for nearly an hour, but you know in a little while the morning traffic will fill the two lanes you're walking in. You turn around to meander back to your guard shack, only to be startled by the roar of an engine and two headlights bearing down on you. You hold your hand up motioning the speeding vehicle to slow down. It doesn't. You tighten your grip around your weapon. Your heart starts pounding. At the last possible moment, the car screeches to a stop.

The window rolls down and the loud music drowns out the pounding of your heart. You cautiously approach the vehicle, not knowing what to expect. The smell of alcohol takes away your breath like ammonia cleaner. The male driver slurs out "hurry up and check my ID," as the two other male passengers laugh. You shine the flashlight in the car and see a handgun shoved between the front seats. What do you do? What



Hands-on training is vitally important. It gives the security forces members the ability to put their training to the ultimate test.

are you trained to do?

For the security forces protecting the base, this scenario hones their skills taught to them in training.

"Our training teaches us how to cope with high-stress situations," said Staff Sgt. Jason Haley, military working dog handler. "Our training teaches us the essentials for responding to incidents."

Unlike many career fields in the Air Force, the security forces don't have technical orders for every incident which explains how to respond in every situation, they need to rely on training.

"Everything we have to apply out on the street is based on our experiences in training," said Staff Sgt. Robert Carlson, Security forces training instructor. "That's why we spend a lot of time dedicated to our essential training."

Essential training on topics like law enforcement, security and ground combat skills which consume the bulk of more than 260 hours per year spent on training one security forces member. That's not counting the additional tasks and skills many cops are certified on, not required by regulations.

"We give them the information and hands-on training they need so they can do their jobs effectively," said sergeant Carlson.

With all the training each cop is required to do, most people would cringe and run the other direction, but it keeps them up to speed and helps them out.

"I think the annual training is a good idea," said Staff Sgt. Lorie Hollis, senior patrolman. "We don't go through the same things all the time. You don't go through DULs everyday. You don't go through domestics' everyday. But when you go through the training, it brushes you up on what to do if you do respond to a situation ... we'd be ready."

And ready for any situation they are.

"Every technique we teach them is vital for them to perform their jobs in a safe manner," said sergeant Carlson. "All the training taught ties into each other. You can't appropriately use a weapon unless you understand use of force. You can understand legal authority and jurisdiction unless you understand how to apply that by making a proper apprehension. All of our skills are just as important as another."

## Combat Arms Training and Maintenance

In addition to learning use of force, legal authority and jurisdiction, etc. each cop is responsible for learning how to shoot and care for their weapon, hence, combat arms training and maintenance.

Combat arms is more than people coming out to shoot. CATM instructors also inspect, gauge and repair all weapons on base and at forward deployed areas to ensure weapons are in their best condition and ensure they will function properly when needed.

"I spent a lot of my 8-and-1/2-year career doing

many different jobs related to security forces and combat arms is by far the best," said Staff Sgt. Shawn Schwantes, combat arms instructor. "I love to teach and being a combat arms instructor allows me to do that."

About 2,600 students flow through the CATM training facility each year. But only 20 percent of them are cops, the rest are other Warriors of the North who need weapons training.

"It puts a lot of pressure on you knowing that if I fail at my job and the students do not learn their weapon system, it might cause themselves or someone else to get injured or killed," said Staff Sgt. Brian Reybok combat arms instructor. "I love the job and to know that what I do will help protect and save people if anything were to happen is reassuring."

At this base, the CATM has eight different weapons they train on and use roughly 390,000 rounds of ammunition per year, ensuring the troops they train are ready.

## Future

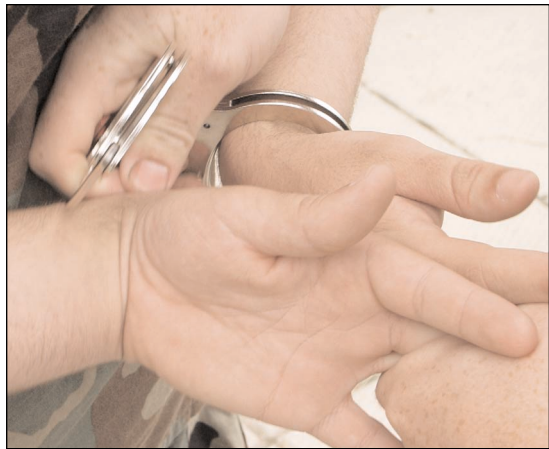
Recently, the base protectors have arranged training with different civilian agencies such as the Grand Forks Police Department, North Dakota Highway Patrol and the North Dakota Police Academy in Bismarck.

"We're trying to mirror our training with our civilian counter parts in the area," said sergeant Carlson. "It helps for our individuals to attend there courses in order to broaden some of the knowledge out in the unit and bring our training and skill level to a higher level."

"Civilian departments train on a more full-time basis," added sergeant Carlson. "So the ability to go out and interact with them and receive their training, allows our individuals to come back here and spread that wealth of knowledge throughout our career field."



Base security forces are required to requalify on their weapons twice a year, during night fire and daytime fire.



Staff Sgt. Robert Carlson, above, demonstrates the proper procedures to apprehend and handcuff, left, a suspect. Security forces need to identify and know how much force to use in a few seconds, not knowing could be the difference between life or death.



# Community

## Today



**CLUB DINING:** Tonight's Northern Lights Club special is one pound of crab legs

for \$12.95 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

The regular Frontier Grill menu is also available.

**TEENSUPREME MEETING:** The youth center holds a TeenSupreme meeting every Friday for ages 14 to 18 from 9 to 10 p.m. at the Liberty Square Teen Center.

For details, call the youth center 747-3150.

**LIBERTY SQUARE EVENTS:** Liberty Square offers open skating tonight for ages 6 to 18 from 6 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$3 for admission and \$2 for skate rental.

The Teen Center will be open for ages 13 to 18 from 6 to 11 p.m.

## Saturday

**BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT:** The youth center is holding a three-on-three basketball tournament for ages 9 to 12 at 7 p.m. and ages 13 to 18 at 9 p.m. Participants choose their own teams.



**CLUB KARAOKE:** The Northern Lights Club offers Karaoke from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

**CLUB DANCING:** The Northern Lights Club offers dancing from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. Dance to club mix music with "DJ 'C.'"

**YOUTH GALAXY BOWLING:** Dakota Lanes offers galaxy bowling for ages 9 to 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. and ages 13 to 15 from 8 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 per hour and 75 cents for shoe rental.

There must be at least 10 participants to hold this event. Register at the youth center to attend.

## Monday



**TORCH CLUB MEETING:** The youth center holds a meeting every Monday for ages

11 to 13 from 6 to 7 p.m.

For details, call the youth center at 747-3150.

**CANDY BINGO:** The youth center holds candy bingo every Monday for ages 6 to 12 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

## Tuesday

**PRETEEN LOCK-IN:** Register by close of business Tuesday for the youth center's mini lock-in June 21 for ages 6 to 12 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. The youth center requires 15 registered youth by June 17 in order to hold this event. A parental permission slip is required to attend.

There will be games, arts and crafts, tournaments, music, movies and more. Cost to participate is \$15 and includes dinner and snacks.

**CHESS, CHECKERS TOURNAMENT:** The youth center is holding a chess and checkers tournament for ages 9 to 12 at 5:30 p.m. and 13 to 18 at 7 p.m.

## Wednesday



**RED RIVER EXHIBITION:** Register by Wednesday for outdoor recreation's Red River exhibition beginning in Winnipeg June 21.

Transportation departs at 7 a.m. from outdoor recreation and will late the same evening.

Cost is \$17.50 per adult, \$27.50 for a family of two, \$37.50 for a family of three, or \$47.50 for a family of four (family prices include two adults over 18; additional adults pay the regular price) and includes transportation only.

For details, call outdoor recreation at 747-3688.

**GEOGRAPHY BEE:** The youth center is holding a free geography bee for ages 9 to 12 at 6:30 p.m. and ages 13 to 18 at 8 p.m.

## Thursday

**OPEN SKATING:** Liberty Square is offering open skating from 3 to 5 p.m. for ages 6 to 18. Cost is \$2 for admission and \$1 for skate rental.

The Teen Center will not be open.

**TEEN STUDY GROUP:** There is a teen study group for ages 13 to 18 that meets every Thursday at the youth center from 7 to 8 p.m.

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## Upcoming



### RED RIVER CANOE TRIP:

Register by June 24 for outdoor recreation’s Red Lake River canoe trip June 28.

The canoeing run will take between three and three-and-a-half hours to complete.

Cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and younger (must be accompanied by an adult) and \$35 for families (not to exceed four, including two adults). This fee includes transportation, canoe, paddle and lifejacket. Participants should bring their own bag lunch.

Transportation departs from outdoor recreation at 7 a.m. and returns that evening.



### SUMMER BASH:

Organizations or individuals who wish to participate in or volunteer for the base’s annual Around the World in Ninety Days Summer Bash should call Mrs. Linda DePaolo at 747-6483/3258.

This year's Summer Bash theme is “Proud and Free in 2003!” and is scheduled for Aug. 14.

The Summer Bash is a base-wide picnic filled with events for people of all ages. Look for the schedule of events in July.

**FUN BUS:** The youth center’s next “Fun Bus” will travel to the Redwood and Poplar playground area June 26.

There will be games, arts and crafts, tournaments and a variety of summer-time activities for school-aged youth.

**PRETEEN SCAVENGER HUNT:** The youth center is holding a free scavenger hunt for ages 9 to 12 at 6:30 p.m. June 26.

There will be a prize awarded for top finishers.

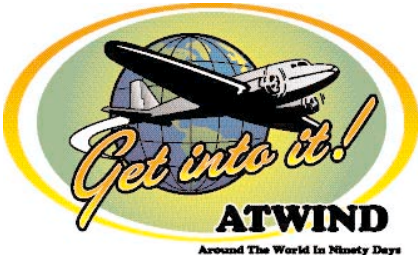
**TEEN PIZZA PARTY:** Register by June 26 for the youth center’s pizza party for ages 13 to 18 at 8 p.m. June 28.

Participants are allowed to make their own pizzas in the youth center's kitchen and enjoy a movie with their friends.

Cost is \$5, and the youth center will provide all the ingredients and sodas.

**CDC CHILD CARE OPENINGS:** The child development center now has several childcare openings for 3- to 5-year-olds. Care is offered Mondays through Fridays from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For details, call the CDC at 747-3042.



Participate in any of these events and receive an “Around the World in Ninety Days” game piece.

#### Mondays:

Fast Eddies *ATWIND* day  
Plainsview Golf Course lunch day  
*ATWIND* golf day at Plainsview Golf Course

#### Tuesdays:

Dakota Lanes lunch day  
*ATWIND* family swim day at the base pool  
Aerobics class at the sports and fitness center  
Northern Lights Club barber shop *ATWIND* day

#### Wednesdays:

Northern Lights Club lunch day  
Airey Dining Facility lunch day  
*ATWIND* red pin bowling day at Dakota Lanes  
"Check-us-out" day at outdoor recreation  
Sports and fitness center *ATWIND* day  
NEISO *ATWIND* Day - noon to 4 p.m.

#### Thursdays:

*ATWIND* youth bowling day at Dakota Lanes  
Skills development center *ATWIND* day  
Auto skills center *ATWIND* day  
Fast Eddies *ATWIND* day

#### Fridays:

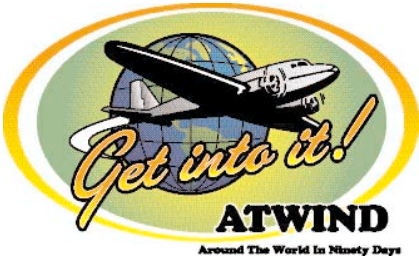
Northern Lights Club family dining  
Base library *ATWIND* day  
Water aerobics at the base pool  
Open skating at Liberty Square

#### Saturdays:

Sing Karaoke at the Northern Lights Club  
*ATWIND* bowling day at Dakota Lanes  
Auto skills center *ATWIND* day

#### Sundays:

*ATWIND* golf day at Plainsview Golf Course  
*ATWIND* family swim day at the Base Pool





# Kid's Fishing Derby dubbed huge success

Compiled by staff reports

The 14th annual Kid's Fishing Derby was held Saturday at the Larimore Dam. The event, run by the 319th Services Squadron's Outdoor Recreation, includes the military and local community coming together for a fun-filled day of fishing.

The weather was rainy and cool, but this did not deter anyone. Participants, sponsors, spectators and a slew of volunteers were on hand to make this event a huge success.

By 9 a.m., there were over 30 volunteers setting up canopies, registering participants, getting the grills ready to make lunch, manning weigh stations and putting the finishing touches on the prizes to be given away at the end of the day.

The children were split up into four age cat-

egories: 3 to 5, 6 to 8, 9 to 12 and 13 to 15. While the fish weren't too cooperative, and frogs were looking like a better prospect, there were some lucky fishermen who won plaques for the size of their fish in their age group and again for overall size.

Every child walked away with a small prize for their efforts thanks to the generous support of our local sponsors.

This year's event was sponsored in part by WDAZ 8, Geico Direct, Altru Health System, Muskies Inc., Scheels and the Army-Air Force Exchange Service.

Outdoor recreation wishes to offer a special thank you to all sponsors and volunteers - this event wouldn't have been possible without their support.

*(No federal endorsement of sponsors intended)*



*Courtesy photos*

**Sisters Alena and Victoria Martinez keep their eyes on their bobbers during Saturday's Kid's Fishing Derby at the Larimore Dam in Larimore.**



**A young angler watches his line from the Larimore Dam boat access during Saturday's Kid's Fishing Derby.**



**(Left) Ben Gorman shows off his catch, which won him first place in the biggest fish category at Saturday's Kid's Fishing Derby.**

**(Below) Two participants of the fishing derby bait their hooks in anticipation of reeling in 'the big one' Saturday.**

